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-- 47. (Amended) A control device according to claim 33, wherein the control panel includes graphical elements corresponding to functions of the device respectively. --.

-- 48. (Amended) A control device according to claim 33, wherein the communication interface is adapted to receive the description file from the device after the device is connected to the network. --.

-- 49. (Amended) A control device according to claim 33, wherein the controller is adapted to display an icon representing the device on a display device after the description file is automatically activated. --.

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-- 50. (Amended) A control device according to claim 49, wherein the controller is adapted to display the control panel on the display device if a user selects the icon. --.

-- 51. (Amended) A control device according to claim 33, wherein the control device transmits a message to the device if a user operates a graphical element on the control panel. --.

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Amend claim 53 as follows:

-- 53. (Amended) A control device according to claim 33, wherein the device is a CD player, a digital video recorder, a digital camera, a digital television, a facsimile, a copying machine or a printer. --.

✓ Cancel claim 54.

Amend claims 56-61 as follows:

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-- 56. (Amended) A method for controlling a device via a network, comprising the steps of:

receiving a description file including description data relating to a control panel for the device from the device; and

automatically activating the description file if the description file is received from the device. --.

-- 57. (Amended) A method according to claim 56, wherein the control panel includes graphical elements corresponding to functions of the device respectively. --.

-- 58. (Amended) A method according to claim 56, wherein the receiving step receives the description file from the device after the device is connected to the network. --.

-- 59. (Amended) A method according to claim 56, further comprising a step of displaying an icon representing the device on a display device after the description file is automatically activated. --.

-- 60. (Amended) A method according to claim 59, further comprising a step of displaying the control panel on the display device if a user selects the icon. --.

-- 61. (Amended) A method according to claim 56, further comprising a step of transmitting a message to the device if a user operates a graphical element on the control panel.

Amend claim 63 as follows:

-- 63. (Amended) A method according to claim 56, wherein the device is a CD player, a digital video recorder, a digital camera, a digital television, a facsimile, a copying machine or a printer. --.

Cancel claim 64.

Amend claims 65-67 as follows:

-- 65. (Amended) A method according to claim 56, wherein the method is applicable to a personal computer, a word processor or a work station. --.

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-- 66. (Amended) A control device for controlling a device via a network, comprising:
a communication interface adapted to receive a description file including
description data relating to a control panel for the device from the device; and
a controller adapted to display the control panel on a display device if a user
selects an icon representing the device, and to transmit a message to the device if the user
operates a graphical element on the control panel. --.

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-- 67. (Amended) A method for controlling a device via a network, comprising the steps
of:
receiving a description file including description data relating to a control panel
for the device from the device;
displaying the control panel on a display device if user selects an icon
representing the device; and
transmitting a message to the device if user operates a graphical element on the
control panel. --.

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-- 68. A control device according to claim 66, wherein the communication interface is
adapted to receive the description file from the device after the device is connected to the
network. --.

-- 69. A control device according to claim 66, wherein the controller is adapted to display
the icon on the display device after the description file is automatically activated. --.

-- 70. A control device according to claim 66, wherein the device is represented as an
object by a predetermined object-oriented technique. --.